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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE
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Application No.: 10/567,864)	Examiner: Frances TISCHLER
Filed: February 10, 2006)	Confirmation No.: 7281
For: PHOTO-CURABLE RESIN)	
COMPOSITION AND SEALING AGENT)	
FOR FLAT PANEL DISPLAY USING)	
THE SAME)	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the Notice of Allowability issued on November 13, 2008, in connection with the above-identified application.

The comments in the Statement states:

The invention is drawn to a photo-curable composition comprising cationic a photopolymerization initiator (A), a cationically polymerizable component (B) containing an oxetanyl group, a crown polyether (C), and an organic compound (D), where (B) and/or (C) comprise a fluorine-containing organic compound.

(page 2, first paragraph of the Notice of Allowability)

The above statement seems to relate to independent claims 24 and 28 which recite a photo-curable resin composition. Applicants respectfully submit that the above statement is incomplete and inaccurate.

Particularly, claim 24 recites, *inter alia*, that "at least one of the component (B) and the compound (C) comprises a fluorine-containing organic compound in an amount of 0 to 40% by mass in terms of fluorine atom (F)." Thus, the scope of claim 24 encompasses a

composition that does not contain a fluorine-containing organic compound. Example 4 of the present specification describes a composition that does not contain a fluorine-containing organic compound.

It is also noted that claims 25 and 29-34 depend from claim 24 or 28, and contain additional recitations. Further, claim 32 relates to a sealing agent for a flat panel display, claim 33 relates to a method for sealing a flat panel display, and claim 34 relates to a flat panel display.

Thus, this paper is being filed to clarify the record and point out that the comments in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be understood to imply that the allowed claims in this application recite anything different than that which the claims themselves recite.

Furthermore, each and every claim independently distinguishes over the cited references on their own merits, as delineated in the features of said claims.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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